

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Richard Bailey R387

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State of Alabama }
Lauderdale County }

On this 6th day of April 1836 personally appeared before the Circuit Court for the County and state aforesaid at a Regular Session of the same Richard Bailey now a citizen of Lawrence County but until the last three years and for fourteen preceding a citizen of Lauderdale County Alabama aged seventy four years the 22^d of January last - who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the army of the United States on the 4th March 1779 in the County of Fauquier in the State of Virginia for the term of Eighteen months as one of the fifteenth men required by Law at that time to furnish a man for the term of time above mentioned. on the 25th April in the year above mentioned he was marched into rendezvous at Fredericksburgh Spottsylvania [sic: Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania] County under Capt. George Wales [sic: George Walls] - from thence he was marched to Petersburg [sic: Petersburg] where he was placed under the command of Col Abraham Buford of the 4th Virginia Regiment and in the Brigade under the command of [Gen. Charles] Scott - which brigade was composed of the Regiments under Col Buford and Col Heath [sic: William Heth] - Applicant states that he remained together with a portion of the regiment of which he was a member at Petersburg until 29th March 1780 during this time the regiment under the command of Col Heath had become broken by disease & desertion and the deficiencies supplied from the regiment of which applicant was a member was marched to Charleston S.C. He recollects that during the time he was at Petersburg George Wales was his captain until his promotion to Major when he was succeeded by Capt Lamb. Pierson [probably Pearson] was Lieutenant the Ensign he cannot now recollect. - [Thomas] Ridley was Major and Boyer [sic: Lt. Henry Bowyer, pension application W5859] Adjutant from the length of time which has elapsed he cannot state the given names of the above mentioned officers. At the date above mentioned 29th March 1780 - he was marched under the command of the above named officers to join the division of the army under the command of Genl. [Benjamin] Lincoln at Charleston South Carolina. This march from Petersburg to Lanau Ferry [Leneud's Ferry] on the Santee River (a distance of thirty or thirty five miles from Charleston) was rapid at the rate of thirty or thirty five miles per day - Upon their arrival at that point they were informed that Genl Lincoln was confined within the City of Charleston and the British forces under the command of Lord Cornwallis and Col B Tarlton [sic: Gen. Cornwallis and Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton, under Gen. Henry Clinton] had surrounded it. it was deemed inexpedient by the commanding officers to proceed further. he arrived at this point some five or six days before the final taking of Charleston [on 12 May] and remained there something like a week after - when in attempting to make a retreat they were overtaken by Col Tarlton on the 29th May 1780 at the hanging rock near the Waxhaw meeting-house in the state of South Carolina where the regiment was cut off only seventy two of the whole number remaining [Battle of Waxhaws] - After which he was marched to Chesterfield Court house in Virginia where the regiment was reinforced and about the first of September following was marched to Hillsborough Orange County North Carolina where the regiment was discharged on the 25th Oct 1780 - Applicant would further state that a short time before the date last mentioned he was one of twenty five out of the regiment who were sent with the same number of Brittish prisoners to Richmond Virginia where they arrived on the 24th Oct and the following day received his written discharge from Capt Smith the commander of the guards dated at Hillsborough S.C. on the 20th[?] Oct 1780 - which discharge has been lost - sometime afterward he procured a duplicate discharge from Col Buford which was also lost - Applicant states the whole length of the time he was in service (from the 25 of April 1779 until 25th Oct 1780) was Eighteen months

On the 7th April 1781 applicant was drafted as a militiaman for the term of three months whilst

living in the County of Fauquier and state aforesaid where he was born educated & resided during his service and was mustered into service under Capt Jennings, Lieuftenant Wm Ball, Ensign Lewis Jennings and himself Sergeant. his Col Elias Edmonds's Regiment & under the command of Genl Marquis Lafayette - the place of their rendevous was Richmond Virginia. After having remained there some two or three weeks they were driven to the North by the British forces under Cornwallis until they were joined by Genl Wayne [Anthony Wayne on 10 Jun 1781] in the edge of Culpeper County when they tacked about and went in pursuit of the Brittish to the lower part of Virginia in the neighbourhood of Jamestown And after scouting about the County a short length of time they were discharged after the expiration of the three months for which he was drafted on or about the 7th July of the same year, applicant states that he received no written discharge for his services upon this occasion.

On the 5th March 1782 applicant states that he was again drafted as a militiaman for the term of three months to guard the prisoners taken at Yorktown Virginia [on 19 Oct 1781] under the command of Captain James Simmeral and Lieuftenant Dunham and Ensign not recollected and himself Sargeant and under the [illegible word] of Col [Joseph] Holmes and for the term of three months from the above date he was at the Winchester Barracks guarding said prisoners and on the 7th June of the same year he was discharged & states that he received upon this occasion no written discharge —

Applicant further states that during his Eighteen months service under Col Buford he was also a Sergeant. Applicant further states as a reason why he did not apply for the benefit of the Law which he now seeks to avail himself of in the County in which he now resides is that he has resided there but for the three years past and that too in a remote quarter and has formed but few acquaintances and that in the county of Lauderdale he is generally acquainted having resided here for about fourteen years previous the time of his becoming a citizen of Lawrence County - Applicant knows of no living witness by whom he can prove his services as detailed above. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any state —

[signed] Richard Bailey

[Capitalization partly corrected

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[?] Session } Declaration

The State of Alabama }

Laurence County }

In Order to Obtain the Benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 on this 7th Day of Febuary 1843 personally appeared before me William Allen Milam an acting justice of the peace now seting in the case in and for the above County Richard Bailey residing in the said County now over Eighty one years of age who being first Duly Sworn according to Law doth on his oath Make the following Declaration in Order to obtain the Benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 that I Richard Bailey Entered in the service of the United States on the first of March 1779 substituted by fifteen men of Fauquier County Virginia and was bound to serve one year and six months agreeabel to an act of the General Assembly of said state and did serve under the following named Officers and served as herein stated I Richard Bailey entered into actual service of the United States near the first days of March 1779 and was marched to Alexandria on the Potomack [sic: Potomac] River where I was under they command of Captain George Wales a Regular Officer of the fourth Regiment of the Virginia Continental Line and by Capt. G. Wales I Richard Bailey was appointed an Orderly Sargent from Alx. we ware marched to Fredricksburgh [sic: Fredericksburg] Virginia & Spotsylvania County, there all the substitutes who ware ordered out by that act of the State ware mustered into actuel service - that being the place of general rendevous there the soldiers all drew their regimental clothing. from there the army was marched to Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] then waited orders and from there was ordered to the town of Petersburg [sic: Petersburg] on the Appematuck river Dunwooddy County [sic: Appomattox River, Dinwiddie County] Virginia and arived at that place on the 3th day of June

1779 and at petersburgh Cornel Abram Blewford a Regular Officer of the Virginia lne took the command of those eighteen months men who ware raised by the above named act of said State, they army remained at petersburgh untill the 29th of March 1780 when the army was ordered to march for Charlstown in South Carolina and near the first of May 1780 we got to Lanaugh's Ferry on Santee River near Charlstown and at the time Corn'l. Blewford arrived with his army at Lanaughs Ferry the British forceses had blockaded that Towne Corn'l. Blewford remained at that place untill after the town was given up to the British Col'n Blewford then [14 May] struck a march for Saulsbury [sic: Salisbury NC] a British Officer by the name of Benjamin Tarlton [sic] with his large force [possibly 300] overtook and finaly defeeted our Corps at the hanging Rock near the Waxsaw meetinghouse in South Carolina on the 29th of May 1780 a small remnent of our troops made their escape I R. Bailey was one of seventy two who made their escape out of Cornl Blewford's regiment of near four hundred those who made their escape went on to Chesterfield Courthouse 15 miles from Richmon in Virginia, and remained there recruiting untill near the first of September 1780 when Corn'l. Blewford was ordered with his troops on to Hillsborough North Carolina I R. Bailey was one of the troops then ordered on to hillsborough my term of one year and six months was nearly out and Corn'l. Blewford wrote my discharge at hillsborough North Carolina and gave the same to Capt. Smith of the Meraland Line who took charge of a party of British prisoners at hillsborough and ordered to deliver those prisoners to the officer in command at Richmond Virginia. I R. Bailey was ordered for guard and when Capt. Smith gave up those prisoners at Richmond Virg he then handed me my dischag baring date the 25th of october 1780 which closed my full term of one year & six months which those fifteen men of Fauquier County virginia substituted me to serve and during the whole time I Richard Bailey was faithfully engaged in the service of the army of the United States and was not employed at any other persute whatever near ten months of my time I was acting an Orderly Sergeant in Capt. G. Waleses Compeny. — In Aprile 1781 I Richard Bailey then a Citizen of Fauquier County virginia was substituted by Benjimon Orare[?] a Citizen of the same state and County who was draughted and ordered out for three months in the virginia Militia I R. Bailey was mustered into service in Cornel Edmons'es ragiment and Capt. Jenings Company of Virginia Militia and by Corn'l Edmonds was marched to the main army commanded by General Lefayett where I was kept in actual service in the United States army under Corn'l. Edmonds doing orderly sargents bisness in the state of virginia untill properly discharged from service by Corn'l. Edmonds himself, my second tower in the militia near the first of March 1782 I Richard Bailey a Citizen of the same State and County above was draughted and ordered out for three months service in the militia and Capt James Simmeral who was ordered to the Winchester Barricks for to guard the British prisoners of war which was given up at the time Wallece was take at Littel yourk in 1781 I Richard Bailey was appointed Orderly sargent by Capt. Jas. Simmarel when I entered into service and continued an Orderly untill properly discharged by Capt. Jas Simmarel himself from the service of the united States, those towers of duty which I render in the army of the revolution the officer who I was commanded by the whole of them ware authorised by general government to call men out into service

Q. the first) where and in what year ware you Born

answer — I Richard Bailey was born on the 22nd day of jan'y 1762 in Fauquier County Virginia

2th Qs. where ware you Living at the time you first entered the service of the united states

An) I was Living in Fauquier County Virginia when I entered into service first second and third towers and when finily discharged from service I returned to my wife in the before named county where I first started from

3th Qs how were you called out into service

Ans. I substituted the first and second tower as above stated the third tower I was draughted and served as above stated

5th Qs. Corn'l. Abram Blewford and Capt. G. Wales ware regular officers and Capt. Smith of the Meraland Line was also a regular officer and General Lefaytt also

6th Qs. Did you ever recieve a discharg

An. I Richard Bailey was Honorbly discharged from service by the above named officers and the whole of my three discharges are lost

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and

declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state whatever
I Richard Bailey do hereby certify that I moved from Fauquier County Virginia to Macklingburgh
[sic: Mecklenburg] County North Carolina from there I moved to jefferson County East
Tennesse from jefferson Tennessee to Smith County Middel Tennessee from Smith to Lawrence
County Tennessee from Lawrence Ten's. to Lauderdale County Alabama from Lauderdale Al'b.
to Lawrence County Alabama the place where I lived at the time my application was made out by
a Lawyer Provasco Esqr and sent on to Joshua L Martin Representative in Congress, which is
rejected the same being drawn up under the act of the 18th of March 1818 which it appears does
not embrace my revolutionary services I Richard bailey do hereby certify that I have now
knolege of any person living in this state nor in the united states who can testify to any part of
my revolutionary services, this applicant further sheweth to the hono'l Department that he had
full knolege of the death of Col'n'l. A. Blewford befor my first application was made out Col'n
Blewford died near Lexington Kentuckey [29 June 1833]. [signed] Richard Bailey